

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

ART UNIT: 1646

AZRIA, MOISE ET AL.

EXAMINER: XIE, XIAOZHEN

APPLICATION NO: 10/565455

FILED: APRIL 5, 2006

FOR: USE OF CALCITONIN IN OSTEOARTHRITIS

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of February 20, 2009 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on May 20, 2009. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$ 1110 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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Respectfully submitted,



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